

Minutes of the DeWitt Village Board Regular Meeting held Tuesday, August 2, 2016, at 7:00 PM at the Village Office, 209 E. Fillmore Ave, DeWitt, NE.

Roll Call: Present: Chairman Badman, Trustees Brown, Weise, Mahloch and Wattjes.

Absent: None.

Also present: Clerk Erin Reimer, Utility Supt. Mitch McDougall.

Visitors: Randy Wollenburg, John McKee, Saline Co. Sheriff's Office, Gerry Powers

Chairman Badman announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room and is accessible to members of the public.

AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval of minutes of regular meeting on July 7, 2016, as on file in the Village Clerk's Office.
- b. Approval of minutes of special meeting held on July 26, 2016, as on file in the Village Clerk's Office.
- c. Approval of Treasurer's Report
- d. Approval of Treasurer's Bills & Claims
- e. Approval to recertify Saline county Area Transit Fiscal Year Certification for 2017.

Motion by Weise, second by Mahloch, to approve the items on consent agenda.

Ayes: Brown, Mahloch, Badman, Weise and Wattjes.

Nays: None.

Moloch abstains from (a.) while Weise abstains from (b.)

Motion Carried.

1. Budget preliminaries for: Parks, Pool, Fire, Ambulance and Library

Gerry Powers presented the 2017 budget, Shawn Weise presented figures for the Fire Department and Ambulance services. The pool figures were distributed to board members to go over on behalf of Bobbie Scherling via the clerk. Gerry also talked about the painting that would be occurring in the library beginning in September.

Motion by Weise, seconded by Wattjes, to approve the preliminary budgets as presented.

Ayes: Weise, Brown, Wattjes, Badman and Mahloch.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

2. Approve 1% increase in Restricted Funds Limitation

The Board members discussed the property tax levy which would set the amount of money the village receives from property taxes.

Motion by Wattjes, seconded by Mahloch to increase the restricted funds limitation 1% for the upcoming fiscal year of 2017.

Ayes: Mahloch, Badman, Wattjes, Brown and Weise

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

3. Randy Wollenburg-

Randy discussed the health, safety, and appearance of properties in our community. He has been in contact with the State of Nebraska in regards to these matters. He spoke of his concerns of diseases, rodents, and mosquitos. He asked the board to take action and have the abandoned and nuisance property owners be held accountable for the appearance and clean them up.

No motion was made.

4. John McKee

John McKee revisited the Hazard Mitigation Plan that was approved at the July meeting. There are currently 46 projects listed but no funds available at this time. We can apply for the funding and when it becomes available we will be notified. He discussed the reverse 911 calling system. This will replace blackboard. It is currently set up for landlines. If you would like you cell phone to be notified you must sign that number up individually and securely. This is estimated to be available in October and includes Jefferson, Saline, and Gage counties. He also discussed ID card for Village employees. This is a great accountability tool and tracking device during disasters. It will help keep track of information that FEMA

will ask for in such cases. He will e-mail the forms to Erin and she will return with pictures of those in need of the ID's. The first card is free for the individual, if lost there is a charge.

No Motion Made.

ROUTINE BUSINESS.

Fire: Lights need to be replaced outside. 9 of them would cost approximately \$3000. There also needs to be some gutter repair. Shawn is looking into replacing air-packs as there shelf life is 15 years, some are approaching that status. He also stated that MFO funds would be comparable to those of last year, roughly \$15,000 from MFO and \$24,000 from the County. There will soon be a quarterly fire hall newsletter. It will introduce members to the community and list upcoming events.

Clerk Report: Erin reported that we should institute a fee for NSF checks and payments. She also discussed the move-in move-out report. Things have fairly quite in the office since DeWitt Days.

Utility Superintendent Report: Mitch started his report to the board by letting them know he had been working at the Waste Water Treatment Plant on the blowers, but they were back up and running and he had serviced them all while fixing the initial break down. Auto Repair Plus will be servicing the water pump soon. He has conducted his 12 point lead and copper sampling of random samples within the community. Utility Service washout of the water tower was put on hold until Brent returns. He has received many compliments from the community of the way the park cleanup looks with the trees trimmed and removed. He informed the Board that Brent's surgery was scheduled for August 18, with a return date of 3-4 weeks following. The Fascia on the annex building needs to be replaced and the windows in the shop need board up and steeled over. He would like to move the AC and phone lines that are behind the fire hall to a better location behind the building. Jeff Rahe has hauled more gravel and the summer help will be done on August 12.

Saline County Sheriff: Delivered the monthly report. There were a few more visits to town due to the Fourth Celebrations. The board questioned the gun threat that occurred during the DeWitt Days. It was not a credible threat, but they were well staffed so the celebration could continue without interuptance.

Discussion: The board discussed the abandoned properties in town and how to handle them. Larry will follow up with the Helms house. Erin will call Tana, the Plymouth clerk, and ask how they go about attaining properties and steps they go through for the tear down process. Nancy will take on the property located at 105 N. Hickory, and Shawn will take the Mihm property and see if they would be interested in signing the property over to the Fire Hall. We also need to find out the status of the Stuvick property and have Maureen make contact with them. The last day for chickens to be on the premises on Pear Street is the 15th. The historical society is seeking donations for a new roof in the amount of \$7000 and asked Erin if something could be put on the next billing cards.

Motion by Mahloch, seconded by Weise, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:08 PM.

All in favor.

ATTEST:

Chairman, Board of Trustees
Village of DeWitt, NE.

Village Clerk/Treasurer
Village of DeWitt, NE.

SEAL

I, Erin Reimer, Village Clerk for the Village of DeWitt, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the Chairman and Trustees. I hereby certify that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted in the back of the Board Room. I certify that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Village Clerk. I certify that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting and that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public. I certify that the minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of the

Board of Trustees. I certify that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of the Board of Trustees were provided with advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed.

Erin Reimer
Village Clerk/Treasurer
Village of DeWitt, NE